Sl.No.	Name of States/UTs	No. of NGOs
10.	Manipur	2
11.	Nagaland	1
12.	Orissa	10
13.	Rajasthan	2
14.	Tamilnadu	1
15.	Uttar Pradesh	3
16.	West Bengal	4
17.	NCT of Delhi	5
	TOTAL :	44

Benches in Universities

†2756. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has decided to set up benches in each of the 10 universities in the name of Rajeev Gandhi;

(b) if so, the locations thereof; and

(c) the details of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The UGC has established 10 Rajiv Gandhi Chairs at the following universities:-

1. Punjab University, Chandigarh
2. University of Delhi
3. University of Mumbai
4. University of Calcutta
5. North Eastern Hill University

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6. University of Allahabad
7. Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture, Science & Technology of Kashmir
8. Cochin University of Science and Technology
9. University of Madras
10. Barkatullah Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal

The scheme aims to create National Centres for Academic deliberations and action oriented research in the frontier areas of contemporary relevance for improving the quality of life and life management systems. The UGC is making available the financial assistance to these universities for the establishment of chairs.

Free education to girl child

†2757. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 165 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 2005 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the benefit of free education to the girls would only be available to the girls studying in schools which are affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education or the Central Schools and it would not be available to the girls studying in the schools affiliated to the State Boards and its institutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would also provide the above benefit to such girls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has, *vide* its circular dated 18.10.2005, directed schools affiliated to it to provide

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